



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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December 13, 2011

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

ADOPTED

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

#1-P DECEMBER 13, 2011

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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR A GRANT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR
THE ELYRIA CANYON ACQUISITION PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$145,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First District specified pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Los Angeles for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to fund the purchase of seven parcels of land adjacent to Elyria Canyon Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Section 15325(f) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project consists of the acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.
2. Allocate \$145,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Los Angeles for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director

of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of \$145,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project after the City of Los Angeles assigns its right to apply for the funds to the Authority, if applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$145,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for its Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project.

The City of Los Angeles, which is a recipient of Cities Excess Funds for projects under the 1996 Proposition, will assign the right to apply for the funds for the Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project to the MRCA.

The proposed \$145,000 project consists of the acquisition of seven parcels totaling approximately 1.44 acres of land adjacent to Elyria Canyon Park in the City of Los Angeles. The parcels are located on the unpaved portion of Burnell Drive. The Dirt Burnell Trail passes through the parcels. The acquisition will provide direct access to Elyria Canyon Park through walnut woodlands which spread into the park (Attachement I).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by providing natural habitat and recreational trail access in Elyria Canyon in the City of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed project will be funded with the requested \$145,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District as well as \$55,000 in State funding previously awarded to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a project total of \$200,000.

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$145,000, is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that funds provided to the Conservancy be expended "solely for projects approved by the Board of Directors, pursuant to such criteria as the Board may, in its discretion, adopt," provided that those projects are identified in the Conservancy's annual work program transmitted to the Governor and State Legislature and as may be amended from time to time, after noticed public hearings held in August of 2004.

The 1996 Proposition further provides that your Board may disapprove a project within the

boundaries of a city only upon a finding that the acquisition or improvement may impact access to or use of a site identified or proposed for present or future sanitary landfill purposes. In addition, your Board previously has adopted procedural requirements requiring a review of proposed Conservancy projects relative to their impact on existing or proposed highways, and their consistency with General or Area Plans.

The proposed acquisition project meets the procedural requirements of the 1996 Proposition and has been reviewed in accordance with the Conservancy's revised Procedural Guide, adopted by your Board on June 17, 1997.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) determined that since the subject parcels are located in the City of Los Angeles, no highways in the County Highway Plan are directly impacted. DPW further found that the proposed acquisition of the properties would not negatively impact the County's solid waste management system since the parcels are located in the City of Los Angeles (Attachment II).

The Department of Regional Planning (DRP) researched the list of proposed parcels for acquisition and determined that since they are located within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, they were located outside the jurisdiction of the Department of Regional Planning. Accordingly, consultation with County Counsel for conformity between the parcels and their status relative to the applicable County planning documents was not initiated (Attachment III).

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The MRCA has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project consists of the acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved

by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the MRCA may proceed with the acquisition of property in the First Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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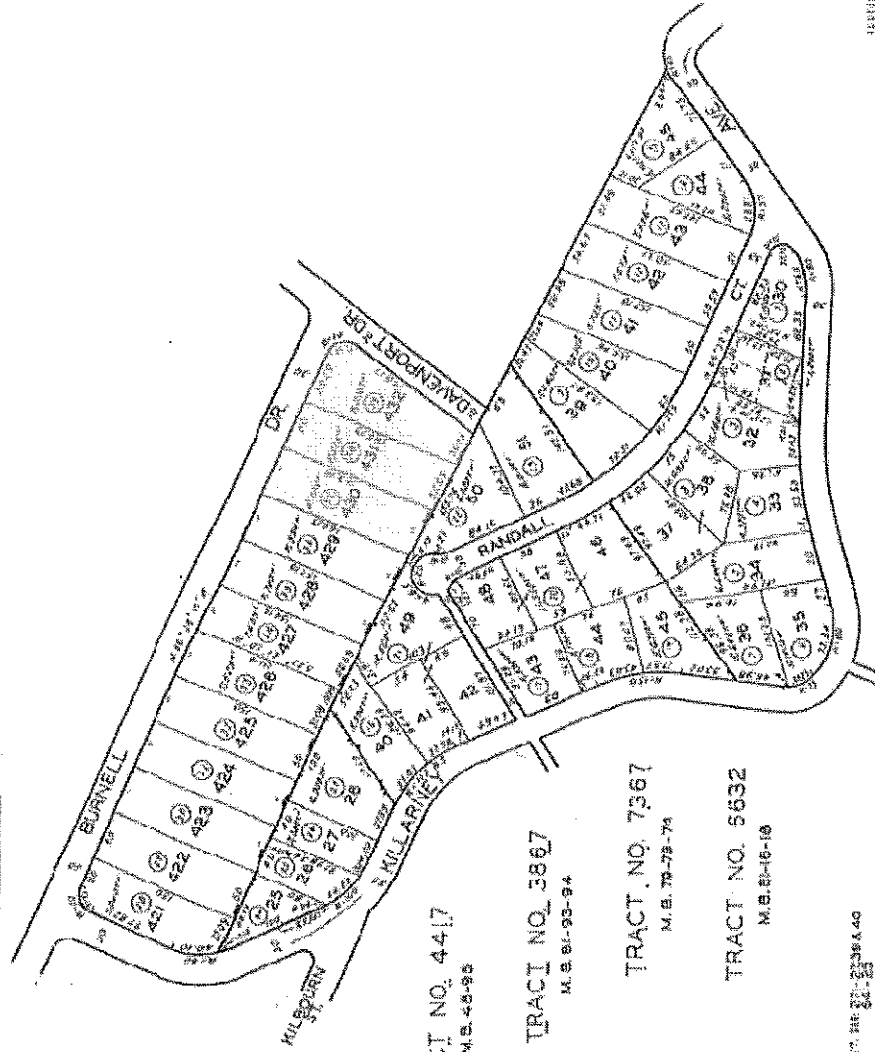
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Director

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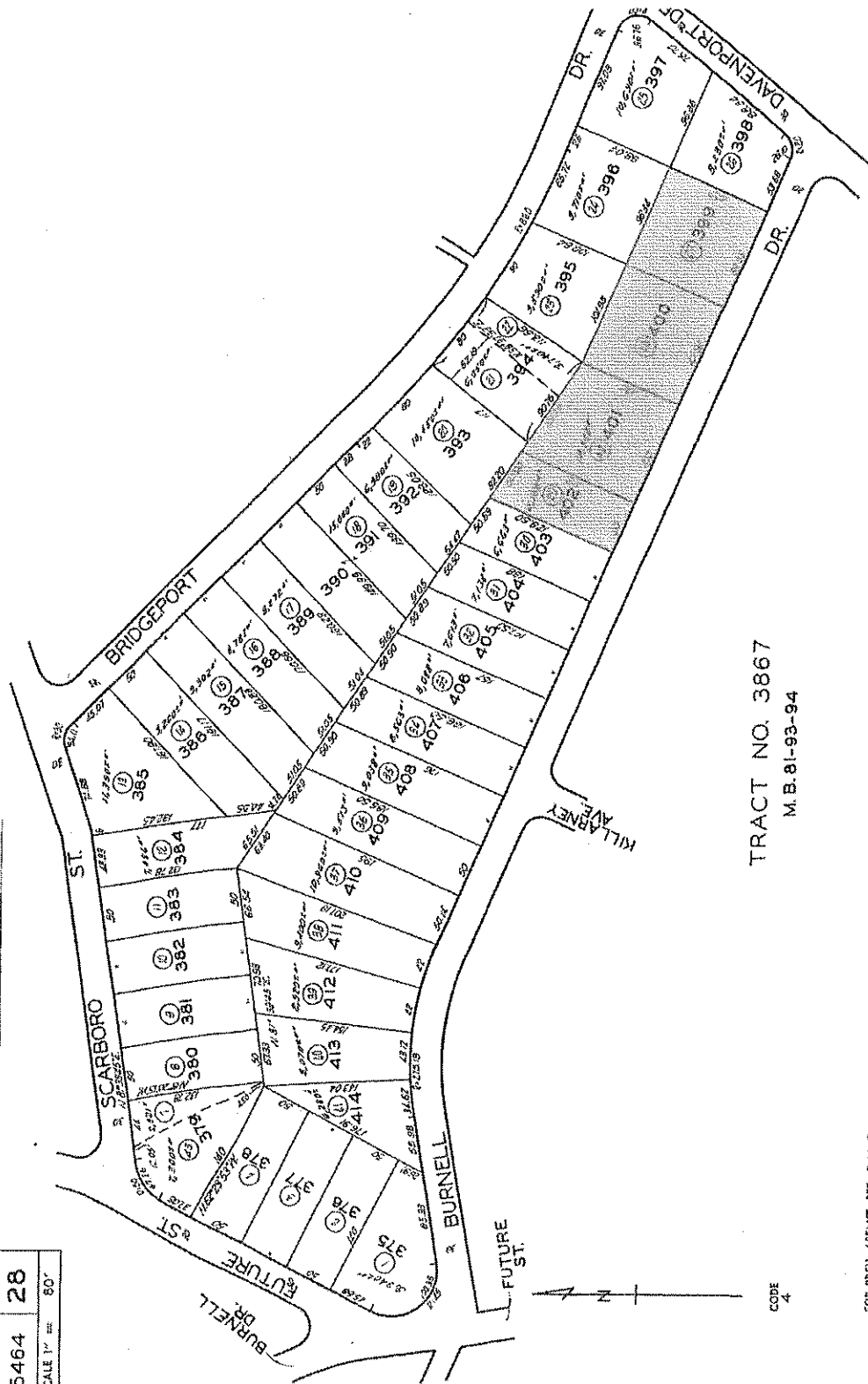
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October 4, 2011

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: LD-4

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Department of Parks and Recreation

Attention Perlita Flores

FROM: Anthony E. Nyivih
Land Development Division
Department of Public Works

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY'S REQUEST
FOR NEW ACQUISITION PROJECTS IN THE ELYRIA CANYON PARK AREA**

As requested, we reviewed the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's list of proposed acquisition projects in the Elyria Canyon Park area as it relates to construction of any highway depicted on the County of Los Angeles Highway Plan and impacts to the Solid Waste Management System in the County of Los Angeles. The following are our comments:

1. Assessor's Parcel Nos. 5464-028-027 (Lot No. 399), 028 (Lot No. 400), 029 (Lot No. 402), and 042 (Lot No. 401); and 5464-030-037 (Lot No. 430), 038 (Lot No. 431), and 039 (Lot No. 432), front local streets Burnell Drive and Davenport Drive, are in the City of Los Angeles; therefore, no County highways are directly impacted.
2. We have no comments on impacts to the Solid Waste Management System. The parcels of interest are in the City of Los Angeles.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions on highway impacts, please contact Steve Burger of Public Works' Land Development Division at (626) 458-4943 or sburger@dpw.lacounty.gov. For Solid Waste Management System impacts, please contact Wu Tan of Public Works' Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-2193 or wtan@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

Date: September 26, 2011

To: Ilona Volkmann
District Administrator
Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District

From: ^{MH} Mark Herwick, AICP
Supervising Regional Planner
Land Development Coordinating Center
Department of Regional Planning

**REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT REVIEW: Santa Monica Mountains
Conservancy's Request For New Acquisition Projects, Burnell Properties,
September 2011**

Pursuant to your request, my staff has researched the proposed parcels (APN: 5464-028-027, -028, -209, and -42 & 5464-030-037, -038, and -039) for acquisition.

All of the properties within the acquisition proposal are located within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, the proposed acquisitions are located outside the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. We are not able to provide any zoning-related information regarding the acquisition proposal. Since it is not within our jurisdiction, County Counsel was not consulted. Please contact the Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Alice Wong of my staff at (213) 974-6470.

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